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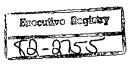
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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Langley, VA

Dear Mr. Casey:

As you know, the United States for a number of years has been seeking ways to strengthen NATO by improving the intelligence flow within the Alliance thereby fostering a more common perception of the Soviet threat. Within that framework NSA has been pursuing two objectives. First, we have been improving the timeliness and substance of the SIGINT we provide to SHAPE and the major subordinate multinational commands through the approved Special Handling Detachment (SHD) system. Second, with DCI approval we have been exploring with the national SIGINT authorities of selected primary allies

methods for standardizing and improving tactical SIGINT support to adjacent national tactical echelons (i.e., Corps and below). Our first initiative is progressing satisfactorily but the second is less far along due mostly to differing national concepts of tactical SIGINT support amongst the nations or disparate levels of resource planning and commitment to this function.

In the interest of furthering this initiative, I am inviting my counterparts from

to meet with me
to discuss
tactical SIGINT support within Allied Command Europe and the exchange of
tactical SIGINT across the boundaries of national formations. I plan to hold
this meeting within the secure spaces of the U.S. Ambassador to NATO and
within classification levels (i.e., Category III) already approved for exchange
with the nations who will participate. I have not invited because it
does not, in fact, possess any tactical SIGINT assets. I am sending my
invitations to
tive CIA Chiefs or Station.

I have discussed the above briefly with Admiral Inman and will advise you both of the results of the $18\ \mathrm{May}$ meeting upon my return.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN D. FAURER Lieutenant General, USAF Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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